

JFK Calls Key Solon On Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (UPI). — President Kennedy, back at the White House after 18 days in Florida, today called in a lawmaker who will have a powerful voice in the fate of his legislative program this year.

Invited to an important White House meeting with the President was Chairman Wilbur D. Mills (D.-Ark.), of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Late today, President Kennedy will put aside his intensive preparations for the Congressional session opening next Wednesday to fly to Columbus Ohio, for a speech to a Democratic fund-raising dinner honoring Gov. Michael V. Di Salle on his birthday.

QUICK TURNAROUND

The President was scheduled to take off at 4:45 p. m. and be back at the White House shortly after 11 p. m.

The President, ending a Palm Beach holiday which was subdued by the serious illness of his father, flew back to Washington late yesterday. Upon reaching the White House at 6:30 p.m., he went into immediate conference with Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

Other important meetings are scheduled at the White House tomorrow, including those with Gen. Lucius D. Clay, his personal representative in Berlin, and John A. McCone, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The mid-morning meeting with Rep. Mills could be highly important to the 1962 Kennedy program. The veteran chairman exerts considerable influence over his committee.

COMMITTEE SCOPE

The Ways and Means unit will have jurisdiction over Mr. Kennedy's controversial medical care and tariff cutting proposals, as well as tax revision and the President's forthcoming plan to overhaul Federal welfare subsidies for the needy.

Rep. Mills has promised speedy action on the pending tax revision bill. His committee

was expected to hammer out some compromise trade